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From: Jefferson, Catrice [Jefferson.Catrice@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/30/2016 6:01:18 PM
To: R9.Info [R9.Info@epa.gov]; Parke Ewing [ewingduo@aol.com]
Subject: RE: Ocotillo Wind Energy Facility

Hello Helga,

Thanks for responding to Mr. Ewing, and everything in your message is correct. I wish I had more to offer Mr. Ewing, but the EPA no longer handle such noise matters since the responsibility was transferred to state and local government when the Office of Noise abatement and control closed.

Catrice

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From: Holoubek, Helga On Behalf Of R9.Info
 Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 4:34 PM
 To: Parke Ewing <ewingduo@aol.com>
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 Subject: RE: Ocotillo Wind Energy Facility

Dear Mr. Ewing,

Thank you for contacting EPA Region 9. I'm sorry the noise from the Ocotillo Wind Energy Facility is disturbing to you. Under the Clean Air Act, the EPA administrator established the Office of Noise Abatement and Control (ONAC) to carry out investigations and studies on noise and its effect on the public health and welfare. Through ONAC, the EPA coordinated all Federal noise control activities, but in 1981 the Administration concluded that noise issues were best handled at the State and local level. As a result, ONAC was closed and primary responsibility of addressing noise issues was transferred to State and local governments.

You said you have already complained to the Imperial County office about the noise from the Ocotillo Wind Energy Facility. If you would like to file a complaint with the California Environmental Protection Agency here is a link to their online form: https://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/CalEPA_Complaint/.

You may also be interested in reviewing the resources available on the Noise Pollution Clearinghouse website: <http://www.nonoise.org/>.

I have copied an EPA staff person in Headquarters on this email in case she has any additional suggestions or resources for you.

I hope you find this information useful,

Helga

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From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
 Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 2:31 PM
 To: R9.Info <R9.Info@epa.gov>
 Subject: Ocotillo Wind Energy Facility

I would like to file a formal noise complaint against the owner, Pattern Energy, for excessive and irritating noise coming from wind turbines at their Ocotillo Wind Energy Facility located in Imperial County, California. I have complained hundreds of times to Pattern Energy, BLM and Imperial County Planning and Building Services. The noise is much more than the 45 Db during the day. We're not real sure if that is the magic number, but we can't even sit on our front porch when the wind is between 9 and 16 mph, because the turbines generate a swashing thumping noise that no one should be subjected to.

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Ocotillo Resident, living in hell...